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Frederick, Md. 21701

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Mrs. Jan Sweatt
5611 Enchanted Lane
Dallas, Texas 75200

Dear Mrs. Sweatt:

When I was in Dallas several years ago, I spent most of a day with your late husband. He was very helpful to me. He also disclosed to me his opinions of some of the Warren Commission people. We felt the same way about them.

Unlike some of those who claim an interest in the JFK assassination, I am not commercializing it. All of my work is being deposited in a university archive where it will be freely available to everyone.

There is much information the federal government is still withholding. I seek to obtain it under what is known as the "Freedom of Information" law. Right now I am suing the government, meaning here the FBI, for the results of certain nonsecret tests. These tests were made on bullets, parts of bullets and objects struck by bullets. Allen died before I could file this action.

He was in charge of much investigating. He still had some photographs in his desk the day I spent with him. He showed me some of them. What is of particular interest to me in connection with this court case is anything relating to what is called the "missed" bullet. You may recall that one struck near the triple underpass. A man named James T. Tague was slightly wounded by what is believed to have been a spray of concrete from that impact. The day after the assassination Allen and Buddy Walthers and some photographers examined that spot.

What is called a "spectrographic analysis" was made of that spot on that curbstone. However, no report on it was ever given to the Warren Commission. The FBI now claims not to have any such report. It is one of the questions at issue in this case.

I am hoping that Allen had some records or pictures that relate to that missed shot because he did, personally, investigate it. This is why I write, to ask for any help you may be able to provide.

Of course, I would be interested in anything at all on the subject that can be included in the university archive so that people who are interested could study it. I would also be very interested for my own knowledge.

If you would care to check me out, you may recall Lonnie Hudkins, who was a friend of Allen's. Lonnie has been at the Baltimore News-American for some years. He and Mary are friends of my wife and me. I have not asked his permission to use him as a reference, but I think Henry Wade would speak well of me. And the man who was slightly wounded by that shot, Jim Tague, also is my friend. I am sure that Jim would take care of any copying so that it would not be any cost or trouble to you. He lives at 14324 Shoredale in Farmers Branch. He works at Steakley Chevrolet.

Thank you very much for anything you may be able to do.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg